

## MDPB Minutes February 16, 2000

Members present: E. Smith, J. Burton, P. Liebow, D. Stuchiner, S. Diaz

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: D.Carroll, J. LeBrun

Guests: J. Chandler, J. Regis, S. Wardwell, B. Dunwoody, S. Benton

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 1/19/00	None	Adopted	
Old Business I. CQI	I. Discussed the compilation of CQI template for statewide distribution.	I. None.	I. Discuss further efforts with Chagrasulis.
II. Enhanced EMTI	II. Southern Maine would like to move ahead with their program for enhanced medications of ASA, Nitro, D50, Epi and Albuterol. The protocols themselves had not been reviewed to date by MDPB although the MDPB has expressed expected approval of the program. Concerns raised with regard to ALS backup activation and CQI.	II. None	II. March Agenda: Carroll, Smith and Regis to present protocols, ALS activation and CQI at March MDPB meeting – final vote will be taken at that meeting.
III. EMT-I central access	III. Jane Chandler, RN/EMT-I presented interest in reviewing decision to exclude EMTi from central line access module. Issues reviewed: sterile technique importance, EMT-Is currently allowed to access central line in emergency in protocols, need for medical control approval, emergent indication only.	III. Outlined plan for EMTi participation that would focus on sterile technique, emergent access only, and medical control approval prior to access.	III. March Agenda: Modified Program to be presented to MDPB with EMTi concerns.
IV. Interfacility Transfer	IV. a. Aminophylline Discussed. b. Antibiotics discussed with letters of support from Dan Lambert. c. Scope of practice of interfacility transfers	IV. a. Aminophylline rejected. b. Antibiotics approved with provision of c). c. Decision to review scope, structure of current interfacility program. Attempt will be	IV. March Agenda: Dave Stuchiner, Sue Wordwell will bring program modules and MDPB will review and discuss larger scope and structure of

V. State EMS Medical Director Vacancy	<p>reviewed. Interest in reviewing entire module and possible integration into protocols medication-specific rules: e.g.10 minutes observation, prior to departure, for any antibiotic.</p> <p>V. J Bradshaw updated group on search and Dr. Burton's pending nomination.</p>	<p>made to develop structure for integration of future medications and providers.</p> <p>V. MDPB voiced approval.</p>	<p>program.</p> <p>V. Dr. Burton's appointment to go before the State EMS Board for review 3/1/2000. Contract for Dr. Burton will start March or April 2000 pending board approval.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <p>I. LOM paramedicRN team by ground transport.</p> <p>II. LOM activation by ground EMS crews</p>	<p>I. Desire to include LOM personnel expanded scope of practice with ground-based critical care transport reviewed. Issues raised included lack of LOM licensing for ground operations, crew operation via separate vendor with ground activities, implications of ground-based interfacility critical care transfer expanded scope of practice.</p> <p>II. Reviewed LOM operational practice of direct activation by scene EMS. Apparent confusion by providers over "requirement" for medical control approval before LOM activation.</p>	<p>I. Unanimous decision to not allow expanded scope of practice currently within realm of aeromedical transport to be applied to ground critical care transport.</p> <p>However, support expressed to develop the idea of a critical-care based structure for ground transfers.</p> <p>II. No requirement for medical control approval exists for scene providers who desire to activate LOM participation.</p>	<p>I. Decision will be communicated to LOM and R. Petrie.</p> <p>Burton will meet with Petrie and LOM to discuss development of crit-care program for ground.</p> <p>II. LOM letter clarifying on-scene activation would be reviewed by Bradshaw with no restrictions on dispelling the apparent "confusion."</p>
Protocols			
Other	I. Interest in improving submitted ems data	I. None	I. Bradshaw will keep MDPB

I. State EMS data collection	for multiple processes including outcomes, research, analysis. Bradshaw discussed implications of electronic data currently in development.		informed as to data collection developments.
Tabled I. Cert/Recert/Decert II. Jackman Area PA use in EMS	I. Currently pending AG review of current rules. II. Jackman PA has relocated. However, long-term implications and/or need of PA integration discussed.	I. None II. None	I. Tabled pending AG review and discussion. II. Await further need as it arises and as future agenda permits.
Next meeting 3/15/2000 (0930 - 1230)			